

Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(b) provides, in pertinent part, that the Court can dismiss a complaint for failure to prosecute or failure to comply with a court order. See also Bethel v. Dep't of State Police Sex Offender Registry, 544 F. App'x 234, 234–35 (4th Cir. 2013) (affirming a district court's dismissal of a complaint after the plaintiff failed to pay the filing fee). Plaintiff was ordered to pay the full filing fee of \$400 for this action to continue. More

than seventeen months have passed since the Court issued the Order, and Plaintiff has not paid the filing fee or taken any other steps to prosecute this case. It is Plaintiff's burden to move this case forward, and he is required to take the appropriate action in order to prosecute this case. Accordingly, Plaintiff shall have **seven (7) days** from the entry of this Order within which to pay the filing fee in this case. Plaintiff is hereby warned that if he does not pay the filing fee within **seven (7) days**, his case will be **DISMISSED with prejudice** without further notice.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that Plaintiff shall pay the filing fee in this case within seven (7) days of the entry of this Order. **FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS ORDER AND TO PAY THE FILING FEE WITHIN SEVEN (7) DAYS WILL RESULT IN DISMISSAL OF THE COMPLAINT WITH PREJUDICE WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE.**

Signed: March 11, 2016

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Robert J. Conrad, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

Robert J. Conrad, Jr.
United States District Judge

